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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make the following documents of record in the above-identified application:

U.S. Patents

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,678,622 issued 07/07/87 to Rowe et al.
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,023,045 issued 06/11/91 to Watanabe et al.
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,070,468 issued 12/03/91 to Niinomi et al.
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,099,436 issued 03/24/92 to McCown et al.
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,392,320 issued 02/21/95 to Chao
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 5,511,004 issued 04/23/96 to Dubost et al.

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